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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed settlement being considered in the case against Microsoft. Not only will the settlement in its current form do nothing to restrict Microsoft's monopoly, it does not actually punish the corporation for a crime of which it has already been found guilty. Therefore, the settlement should include components that force Microsoft to open its documentation so that other companies can design software to make the computer industry truly competitive. This is the reasoning behind antitrust laws, is it not. Furthermore, Microsoft must be stopped from including their software as a prepackaged part of virtually every personal computer on the market these days. I chose not to use the Windows operating system and was extremely distressed when attempting to buy a new computer that I had to subsidize Microsoft with the purchase price of my computer since I could not find one in any mainstream store that did not come with Microsoft software pre-installed. This is an intolerable and monopolistic practice that should be stopped. As a concerned consumer, citizen and someone interested in the fate of information technology, I humbly ask that the proposed settlement be reconsidered so that it will indeed prohibit Microsoft from retaining its monopoly in the computer industry. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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